

Mr. Dear Sir: It was over two months after the date of the redemption of your promise (as contained in the last number of the August Herald), to give me your views in reference to foreigners being permitted to possess interest in the cultivation of lands in Liberia, that it came to hand. I have unavoidably suffered more than a month of delay owing to the pressure of business, and for which I need make no further apology, nor even for a dissent from your views (should this be the case) because we are not strangers, and are wont to allow such poor privileges in correspondence, that would, perhaps, to others prove highly offensive.

As the word interest in your article, may be applied in the premises either in a restricted, or more extended sense, until you define the precise limitation of your application of that word, I shall be at a loss how to express myself, whether as agreeing with you, or dissenting.

If, sir, by foreigners, you restrict the term to white people, and by their possessing interest in the cultivation of lands in Liberia, you restrict that interest to the investment of capital in the cultivation of the lands exclusively owned by Liberians, (such Liberians as are not prevented by the Constitution from so doing) with the exception of a refundment only through the medium of the products of the land they thus may be allowed to cultivate—an interest to this extent, though attended with some dangers as well as benefits to our infantile state, I have no inclination to oppose; perhaps I might occasionally begin to wear a speculative or undermining aspect.

But, sir, if you mean that their interest shall comprehend the owning of as much as a square inch of Liberian soil, either singly or jointly, to this I must uncompromisingly object, and think that I will firmly maintain the same opinion for many years to come, perhaps to the close of my earthly career. I confess, that there is considerable plausibility in your view, but that the fearful apprehensions of many of our fellow-citizens that their rights, &c. &c. will be liable to an abatement provided, which are permitted to reside in this country, originates from the fact that nine tenths are from the south where they were accustomed to seeing money—power and intelligence on the side of the whites.

It is reasonable to suppose that persons bred and born under such influences will be thus strongly impressed, (for it is an old and pretty well received saying, that a burned child dreads the fire,) and I cordially agree with you—that such persons should not be ridiculed for entertaining such notions.

But, sir, after all our speculations in the premises, it must be confessed, that there is something seriously true in the fact, that knowledge is power—and wealth is influence, and will always predominate over their opposites. When I speak of knowledge being power in reference to white men, I beg that you will not consider me guilty of the current blasphemy (in some countries) of ascribing intellectual superiority to them! Though I must admit that I have given to these sentiments, by those who would assume to assume this superiority to the colored man, which in my humble opinion but ill accords with the refined manners and good sense of the age. Yet, my tongue become palsied before it utters such a sentiment, and my right hand perish before it pens a sentence, which would be tantamount to a confession that they are in advance of us in acquired abilities, owing to well known circumstances which for centuries have given them the advantage over us.

These acquired abilities are one of the prominent causes of the mistaken idea of natural superiority, and consequently of the prejudicial distinction kept up between the two races, though living in the same country; for wealth and power are the product of acquired abilities, and which distinction more or less prejudicially kept up, will never cease, until the colored man is enabled to acquire the same. It is the duty of the colored man, in the process of time, by a development of his powers under equal advantages demonstrate his equality and susceptibility in every respect.

But by this time, I, e. when this demonstration of Liberia which is destined (like the sun among the planets) to be the great center of attraction to the colored man, and the instrument of his exaltation in the scale of civil and religious eminence, will without doubt possess sufficient numerical power to demand and enforce that which, reason, morality and religion have failed to produce in the bosom of the colored votaries. "True Liberty," "Perfect Equality,"

But, sir, until true liberty and perfect equality prevail in every Anglo-Saxon heart, as they do now on their tongues, there is much danger and no safety in attempting a union of the two races in the same nation. I know you believe it to be impossible in the U. States; you are convinced that the prejudice is too strong there from north to south, and from east to west, to admit the colored man to all privileges and perfect equality. Show me a country where the prejudice is not so strong, and I will be ready to believe that it would be willing for a colored man to be President of the U. S., or unless he is doubly below par, would consent for a colored man to marry his daughter. And if this prejudice is so universal and deep rooted, as that the religious and different fraternities of the age cannot effectually reach it, may we hope for any change shortly in the U. States, or even in the Anglo-Saxon world in Liberia, though he became nominally or actually a citizen.

But, sir, please indulge me by listening to one more objection to any attempt of identification of whites with us and I will have done. Though it may not seem strange to you, yet it may sound both strange and incredible abroad, especially to self-assumed superiority. That there is as much feeling of distinction in Liberians with regard to white men as women, as ever existed in the United States towards our race, I do not say, sir, that the white men have never been born in the U. States as yet, and some men of Liberia would prefer their sons to marry; nor has that continent produced the white man that some men in Liberia would give their daughters in wedlock to.

Though Liberians glory in treating all well behaved white people politely and hospitably, and distinguishing the white people from the colored people, yet they do not do so without reason, as to manifest any feeling of the latent fire without cause. Yet I assure you that the white people in Liberia had rather see their sons and daughters nailed up in coffins and deposited in the house appointed for all the living, than form a matrimonial connection with any white man from the U. States ever produced—they wish in connection of the kind, they despise it with as much as in fact with more real indignation, than the greatest pro-slavery man in South Carolina.

Perhaps, some of these assertions may be questioned abroad, but they are true, as a resident in Liberia, and as one of her noblest sons are that the essence of truth—they are facts, and will remain so, as long as the prejudice of the U. States is not toward our race. There is a powerful reason for this prejudice, it is both justifiable and efficient—white men therefore see, sir, that a white person's interest in real or any other way in Liberia must be either very limited, if to exist at all.

I did propose extending this article to a dozen or more pages, but have since changed my mind, supposing that we possibly possessed a harmony of sentiment.

Yours most respectfully,
STEPHEN A. BENSON.
John N. Lewis, Monrovia.

The Queen of England has again honored the Isle of Wight by having appointed a wet nurse for her young daughter, Princess Alice, from the Isle of Wight. This is no wonder, says Roger, says he, "It is just what nature calls for." "That could more appropriate be, for it is a young John Bull you see, and she has his nursing to Cows."

Lies, by an Old Fogey.
It is a sad and thoughtful that the sun and moon are both hung up high, and that no presumptions had been stretched out to pull them from the sky. I have no doubt that some reforming and good natured man would recommend to take them down, and light the world with gas!

New York Dry Goods Market.

The Times of Thursday says: Brown and bleached shirtings and Shirtings are less active, while cotton shirtings appear very quiet, and Denims are readily taken at previous quotations. Drills, light stock and slack request at all prices. The ready received Chinese accounts have been freely bought at full price. Ginghams are inactive. Less animation is discernible in the market for printing cloths and prints, because of the late rise in prices, which buyers are not willing to pay. Stripes and Ticks are saleable and firm.

Woolens are precisely as last stated. The smallness and enhanced value of the grades offering immediate transactions. Blankets are not very active, but appear firm. Cassimeres are not very active, with a rising tenor. Low priced cloths are quickly bought at old rates, but not generally favorable at such figures. Flannels are essentially the same. Jeans are less abundant and held higher. Hence their rule quiet. Very little change can be noticed in the demand at advancing rates. Sattinets are in great demand at advancing rates. Tweeds are not very brisk but firm.

Foreign fabrics are, as before remarked, the least in request, partly on account of the warm weather, which keeps the country merchants at home, and partly because of the imperfection of the stock, which is yet to be completed by subsequent importations. Yet all seasons goods find willing buyers, and the most needed. Silk and woolen productions are the most needed, and the most realized very high prices, as buyers anticipate an advance in their value before the close of the Autumn. Linens, too, are in better demand, and for a similar reason. Attention has yet to be directed to Cottons, but even these are not wholly unnoticed, and some of the more staple kinds are being bought up at current rates. Altogether this branch of the trade is more vigorous now than at this time in bygone years, and with the majority of dealers we have good grounds for early revival of business, while we hope that this will occur, without bringing in its train any of the pernicious influences, such as arise from extravagant importations and false notions of the advantages flowing from heavy sales and long credits; which would annul our past and present prosperity, and blast, for a time, our future prospects.

Amin Bey not an Importer!

The following letter appears in the New York Evening Post: New York, June 14, 1853.

To the Editors of the Evening Post: Sir:—A report has appeared in several papers that Amin Bey, who visited the United States a few months since as an agent of the Turkish Sultan, was an importer. The following statement may place the matter in a better light. On my last voyage to the Mediterranean I received a letter from the minister resident (Mr. Marsh) at Constantinople, informing me that he had been ordered to the Sultan to send an agent of the Turkish government, the United States, for the purpose of visiting the docks, navy yards, and arsenals, and to gain other information in relation to this country; and that if he (Mr. Marsh) had pledged the Turkish government a free passage for him, (Amin Bey,) and that if I refused him a passage it would place the legation in a very delicate position. He added, "that Amin Bey, if sent, would meet me at Smyrna, and I should be obliged to give him a passage to America." I gave him a passage to the United States. 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